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Intimate date for star Julian

WORLD-CLASS cellist Julian Lloyd Webber may have had more on his mind than music – with a baby due in three weeks – but he gave his full attention to an intimate audience at a Hagley church.

The musician, described as the “doyen of British cellists”, played to a sell-out crowd of 250 at St John’s Church in the grounds of Hagley Hall on Saturday night.

He featured as soloist with the West Midlands-based Orchestra of the Swan.

Horses seized under law from the 1800s

SIXTEEN stray horses have been seized by police since officers began rounding them up off Dudley’s streets almost a month ago.

Four have so far been reclaimed with owners each having to pay £400 in fines and lively costs. Horses were rounded up after reports from residents and taken to a paddock outside the Black Country.

An agreement between Dudley Council and police over how to tackle the issue has been drawn up after council officers uncovered a law dating back to the 1800s. It brought an end to months of uncertainty over who had responsibility for removing horses causing a nuisance. Hundreds of reports of animals

roaming Pensnett, Brockmoor, Kingswinford and Coseley were logged with the council since the start of the year.

Over recent months horses have run in front of cars, holding up traffic. In March firefighters rescued one after it fell into the Dudley Canal by the Parkhead locks near Holly Hall Road, Holly Hall, Dudley.

Undisclosed

Milkman Glyn Berrington, who has logged horses he spotted on his rounds says numbers of strays had fallen but there were still large groups in the Kingswinford area. The council is paying police an

undisclosed sum so strays can be seized and found permanent homes if unclaimed. Police say they will be kept for three days and if an owner cannot be contacted or come forward with ownership proof and settle fines, they will be found new homes.

Section 24 of the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847 says police can seize and impound cattle on a public highway.

In January council figures showed 414 reports of stray horses compared with 43 in January 2010.

Until the agreement the council was paying an outside agency to impound horses. In 2009/10, a dozen were captured. In Sandwell strays have been seen in Tipton and West Bromwich in recent months.

New boss in pledge to captain Yeltz ship

THE new owner of Halesowen Town FC has vowed to place the turbulent club back at the heart of the community.

Staffordshire-based businessman Steve Lynch has taken over the reins at The Grove, ending the tenure of controversial sibling owners Godfrey and Graham Ingram.

Mr Lynch, aged 40, claimed that the non-league club had been a “ship without a captain” and vowed to be hands-on in turning around its fortunes.

The businessman, who was originally from Sparkhill, in Birmingham, but now lives in Great Wyrley, was unable to reveal how much he has paid for the club due a confidentiality agreement signed with the Ingrams.

Atmosphere

Mr Lynch says the club does not carry major debts but urgent improvements to the stadium, in Old Hawne Lane, Halesowen, are the top priority.

He also revealed he had been out removing weeds from the stands in recent days.

“I’ve not come in to dictate,” he said. “This is a community club that needs community input and it needs help. I want to bring everyone together to restore some hope.”

“There is a good feeling about this place. I came to watch a game one week and went into the Yeltz bar afterwards and talked to people and there was such a good atmosphere.”

The club, established in 1873, was relegated from the Southern League Premier Division at the end of the season which finished last month and will now play in the Southern League Division 1 Central.

Dog walk to aid cancer charity

A SPONSORED dog walk will be held in the Black Country in aid of Cancer Research UK.

People are being invited to bring canine friends for a stroll around the grounds at at Himley Park on June 11. Organiser Becky Dorsett, aged 23, from Oldbury, said: “There will be a choice of two walk distances on the day.” Registration costs £6 per dog. For more details email bestpawforwardhimley@hotmail.co.uk or call 07919 576403.

Top brass at church

PHOENIX brass band is set to raise the roof of a Halesowen church. The popular West Midlands group will perform at St Margaret’s Church, in Hasbury, on Saturday, May 21, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8. All money raised will go towards the up-keep of the church.

Specialist engineers in bid to salvage charred remains

CRYSTAL MUSEUM PLAN HIT BY BLAZE



Above: Groups of firefighters tackle the huge blaze which gutted a building at the Stuart Crystal site at Wordsley last week

Right: The charred timbers of the wrecked listed factory, parts of which are now facing demolition



PLANS for a multi-million-pound glass museum in the Black Country will go back to the drawing board after a huge blaze ripped through the site earmarked for the attraction.

But new Dudley Council leader Les Jones says he is still confident the Wordsley development will go ahead.

The Stuart Crystal site’s six buildings are all Grade II listed. Last Thursday’s fire gutted one of them.

Plans have been in the pipeline for four years for a £5 million glass museum on the site linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone via an

underground tunnel. Now specialist engineers will determine the future of the gutted factory following the suspected arson attack.

Officials this week admitted that some of the affected building may have to be demolished but are awaiting an engineers’ report for a fuller picture.

David Freer, director of site owners Complex Developments, said the building would be assessed over coming days to determine how much of it can be salvaged.

He said: “I met with the head of conservation at Dudley Council and we made the building safe to the public by

erecting fencing. The council have asked for a specialist engineers’ report which will take some time.

“But the general consensus is that there will have to be some selective demolition.”

Plumes of black smoke could be seen for miles around as flames took hold at around 6pm.

Complicated

Up to 50 firefighters tackled the blaze. Loud explosions could be heard as windows smashed in the heat.

The blaze is a blow to £5m plans to transform the site. A bid for European funding is being drawn up but the cost

may now rise. Councillor Jones said: “When there are concerns over the structure it does change the plans because it is a listed building and efforts need to be made to preserve it.”

“It makes it more complicated and it will obviously affect the overall plans, but we are staying positive that it can go ahead.”

Arson is suspected at the site which has been targeted by vandals several times.

One of the other buildings was damaged by firebugs three years ago and the roof is still missing.

Sandra Parkes, aged 38, of nearby Marine Crescent, said: “I’ve lost count

of the number of fires there have been here in the last few years but this is the worst.”

“It’s usually gangs of kids breaking in. It’s been standing empty for so long and it has become a complete eyesore.”

John Langley, 41, who lives across the road from the site, saw the roof collapse.

He said: “I ran outside and saw it was the old factory. Then I heard a loud crash and saw the roof cave in, which threw a really big cloud of black smoke into the air.”

The Red House Glass Cone, opposite the Stuart Crystal site, remains open for business as usual.

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Exhibition serves up Percy's painting

A PICTURE by a Dudley's artists will be under the spotlight at a national showcase after it was loaned to a new exhibition.

Percy Shakespeare's 'The Tennis Player' has been selected for n Court on Canvas - Tennis in Art at the Barber Institute of Fine Art at Birmingham University.

The exhibition, which runs from May 27 to September 18, is the first of its kind to focus on lawn tennis.

The painting will be joined by works from LS Lowry, Winnie the Pooh illustrator EH Shepherd and David Hockney.

Others on display include the iconic 1970s Athena Girl poster taken by Stourbridge photographer Martin Elliot featuring his girlfriend at the time - Fiona Walker, also from Stourbridge.

Tragic

Shakespeare's painting is on loan from Dudley Museum and Art Gallery.

Dudley Council's director of urban environment John Millar said: "It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to showcase the work of Percy Shakespeare as part of this prestigious exhibition."

"Although not as well known as some of the artists in the show, in recent years the work of Percy Shakespeare has started to become more recognised. His tragic and untimely death means that we will only have a hint of the artist's true potential."

He was born in Kate's Hill in Dudley 1906 and studied art at the Dudley School of Art - now the site of Dudley Museum and Art Gallery - and then at the Birmingham School of Art.

Cheers! New dray job for Duchess the pony

A 17-year-old piebald pony called The Duchess has a new career as a dray horse, pulling a cart laden with beer across Stourbridge.

She will soon become a familiar sight around the town centre, towing a dray cart.

Licensee Dave Craddock recently bought her to ferry ales the mile from his new brewery at the Duke William, Coventry Street, to his other pub, the Plough and Harrow, Worcester Street.

A second horse, Alfie, an 11-year-old Welsh cob is also being trained to take some

of the loads.

Alfie belongs to Dave's mother, Mrs Meri Craddock.

Both are currently being coached for their duties by Arran Parker, owner of the Student of the Horse livery, Six Ashes, near Enville.

Dave, 29, recently invested more than £20,000 in equipment to launch Craddock's brewery, based at the Duke William.

It is now in full production, with a capacity to produce up to 288 pints a week.

Dave, the single-handed brewer - and head taster - of the new beer, said: "We decided it would be lovely to see our traditional beer being moved around in the old-fashioned way."

"The Duchess has pulled loads before for her previous owners, although not beer, and now I am practising with her on a trap around the lanes."

"We are just trying to find a suitable cart to serve as the dray. When we have it ready, The Duchess will start to deliver our beer to the Plough and Harrow once a week, towing up to six firkins - each containing nine gallons of beer - across town on each journey."

Baby

"Alfie needs a bit more training and will need a larger trap but he will do some of the trips when he is ready."

The brewery's two launch brews were called First Born and Arthur Pint after the birth of Mr Craddock's first baby.

Arthur Craddock was born on March 22 at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, and weighed in at 7lb 7oz.

His parents Rachel and Dave, both 29, live in Corser Street, Oldswinford.



Pub landlord and brewer Dave Craddock with his dray horse The Duchess

Housing to get improvements

A RAFT of improvements has been approved by Sandwell Council with funding from the Regional Housing Board, which is for non-decent homes, vulnerable households and growth projects. They include £500,000 for housing work in Carnegie Road, Blackheath, and Melrose Avenue, West Bromwich, and £229,000 towards demolishing a dilapidated shop in Hilton Road, Tividale. Councillor Steve Eling signed off funding as Sandwell's finance boss. Last financial year there was £937,000 of housing revamps.

Family takes up challenge of run

AN "ACORNS DAD" from Stourbridge and his daughter have sign up for a charity event in aid of the hospice.

Matt Greaves and Jessica, who has cerebral palsy, are taking part in the Triple Run at Malvern on Sunday, May 29.

The fundraiser at The Three Counties Showground brings in cash to

provide care for more 600 local life limited and life threatened children and their families. The three-run format comprises the Malvern half-marathon, the 5km spring fun run and the 1km Chicken Run, a wheelchair friendly course.

Matt, aged 33, is running the half-marathon while wife Natalie and Jessica will take part in the Chicken Run challenge.

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Objections over roof

PROPOSALS to raise the height of a bungalow roof and create a dormer window at the rear of the building have been put on hold for planners to visit the site.

Dudley Council's development control committee members said they were "not entirely happy" with the plans for the property in Kayne Close, Kingswinford.

Objections have been received from four residents who are concerned about the scale of the plans and the creation of a dormer window.

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Footballer shapes up for big day

A TEENAGE footballer from Dudley helped get players in shape during a day of work experience at Derby County.

Kate Grainger, of Holly Hall, was chosen from hundreds of entries in a What's Your Goal competition.

The 15-year-old Wolves fan who had a serious operation on her foot at the age of five, now plays for the Wolves girls under-16 side. But she said

this was the proudest moment of her footballing life so far.

She spent the day with Derby County academy coach Darren Wassall, and took over a coaching session with the under-18s.

Kate's ambition is to take on a player-coaching role in America, but the Holly Hall School pupil intends to study sport at university first.

Her day in Derby was her first experience of coaching and she "loved it", she said.

Demand for area to get its own health centre

Callum is guest of honour

AROUND 100 fundraisers turned out to support a Stourbridge teenager paralysed by a BMX accident.

Friends and family joined Callum Loveridge, aged 17, for the event at the Copthorne Hotel, in Brierley Hill.

The youngster, from Wollaston, was injured around 12 months ago and has been receiving treatment for his injuries which have left him in a wheelchair.

Just days after the incident, friends and family formed the Cal4U committee to help his parents buy equipment needed to help make his life easier.

Various fundraising events have been held, including black tie balls, motocross events and live music nights.

The event in Brierley Hill was given a Royal theme. Callum arrived in a special limousine.



Supporters, back, Ket Hill; Summer Hiscox, seven; Alison Booth; Charlotte Wells, 14; organiser Nicky Fleming; Jordan Owen, 14 and Isabelle Loveridge, 11, with her brother Callum Loveridge, front, and parents Kim Rufford and Adrian Loveridge

RESIDENTS and traders are calling for a new health centre to be built for Cradley Heath and Old Hill.

The campaign comes as plans for two new health surgeries in Great Bridge and Oldbury, worth £10.6 million in total, are submitted.

Re-elected ward Councillor Ann Shackleton, who is spearheading the campaign, said people should not be expected to travel to Langley for medical advice and called for health bosses to consider a new facility in the area.

Traders said they welcomed the campaign. Amy Bolton, who has working for TeeT Shirts, Upper High Street, Cradley Heath, for two years, said a new facility would be a boost for the area.

Miss Bolton, aged 18, who has suffered back pain for years and attends Church View Surgery, Halesowen Road, said: "I think a health centre would be great for the area. Church View Surgery is good but it would be fantastic for the area to have a state-of-the-art facility."

Gathering

Dave James, of Cradley Heath Army Stores, Upper High Street, added: "Anything brought into the area has got to be an advantage. The only problem might be parking. Parking is the biggest problem for anything now in Cradley Heath."

"I hope it does not come by the shops in Upper High Street but anything coming in would be good news."

Councillor Shackleton said she would begin gathering names for a petition within days. She added: "It has been mentioned that people from Cradley Heath, Old Hill, Blackheath and Rowley will be expected to use the Langley Centre. This is not acceptable."

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Weak13 at Base Studios – from left, Wesley Smith, Neel Parmar and Nick J Townsend



Extras in the music video the band hopes will again win at the London Limelight Film and Arts awards

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Metal band looking to take double video award

By Sarah Hazelwood

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A GRUNGE metal band taking the Black Country by storm is hoping to rock a London film festival for the second time following a unique recording in Stourbridge.

Weak13 are confident their latest music video, You Don't Love Me, will again bag them the winning accolade at this summer's London Limelight Film and Arts awards.

Following the victory of their Wake Down entry in the best music video section last year, this year's effort is tipped to do just as well and features guest appearances from some top names in Midlands music and entertainment.

Earlier this year a nationwide campaign was set up to find people to participate in the video which was filmed in March, during a rock concert at the Base Studios.

Guests from BBC Hereford and Worcester's radio broadcaster Andy O'Hare to a horde of rock musicians from the likes of Mudball, Isolated Atoms, Eight Great Fears, Left for Red and Last Judgement turned out.

Toured

Nick J Townsend, the band's front man and lead guitarist, produced the film alongside Stourbridge director Martyn Kilvert.

"People from all over the country turned up on set, there were fans and even bands and artists that we have toured and played with over the years," said Townsend.

"This year we have a really strong video with a more professional feel so we are hoping to win the title once again."

"We really want to help put Midlands music on the map and I hope this competition will also give this year's director, Martyn Kilvert, the big break that he deserves."

"It is a monster of a track, probably the best tune we have done - people are begging us to release it."

Since making the video Weak13 have signed to Basement Sound Records who will officially release the single on amazon.co.uk next month.

Townsend, who founded the group in 1999, is the only official member and remains solely responsible for its musical and artistic direction, but is joined by bassist Wesley Smith and drummer Neel Parmar for live performances.

Weak13 offer a raw collaboration of death metal and dark electro beats entwined with low tuned acoustic guitars.

No subject is out of bounds and the underground musician, who has created controversy with his material,



Nick J Townsend, gearing up for a fight in the Weak13 video

is inspired by 1980s video nasties, comic books, the Grunge and 90s music scene and personal experiences.

The band, renowned for doing recordings in one take and embracing tuning errors in their final mixes, took just one day to create the You Don't Love Me video.

Opportunities

The front man also exclusively revealed that Weak13 have since been recommended to apply for this year's BBC Underground Festival.

"There are a lot of opportunities out there for us now," he said. "It feels great to finally be able to tell our fans that new opportunities like the BBC competition are being opened up to us."

The video is already making waves on YouTube and can be seen at www.youtube.com/nickweak13

Hospice shops hit by a string of break-ins

CHARITY shops have been hit by a series of break-ins across the region – prompting bosses to step up security.

Compton Hospice shops in Kinver, Wall Heath, Wordsley Green, Sedgley and Penkridge have been raided in the past month.

In all but one case nothing was taken but the damage caused is thought to have cost anything up to £1,500 per shop. Bosses at the charity say they have now been left with no option but to boost security at a "considerable cost".

MP's call on sex grooming

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has called on the Government to reach out to mosques and Asian communities to tackle the grooming of vulnerable teenage girls for sex.

In the Commons she asked for more information about a review by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP). Home Secretary Theresa May said it would conclude next month.

Ms James said there had been several cases in the media of young girls being groomed by Asian gangs for sex.

"Of course, this is not confined to the Asian population," she said.

"We should face up to the challenge of working with mosques and other members of the community to make this appalling crime culturally unacceptable."

They have already started patrolling sites and are bringing in a range of other measures. The charity is looking at installing steel doors and even hi-tech alarm systems which link straight to the police.

Bosses believe the raids, which took place over the Easter bank holiday weekend and the Royal Wedding bank holiday weekend, could have been carried out by the same people.

Private

Sue Chance, head of fundraising at Compton Hospice said: "We have no choice but to go down the route of extremely stringent security."

"We are all very disappointed at what has happened; it is worst for our volunteers who give up their time in the shops."

The charity has drafted in a private security firm called BBP to carry out patrols at all Compton Hospice shops, not just those that have suffered break-ins.

The organisation, based in Compton Road West, Wolverhampton, offers its services for free to a catchment area of 1.3million people.

In the swing for VE day party



Cal and Paul Ingram, from Halesowen, and other dancers enjoying the party

DRESSED in war uniforms, smart dresses and other costumes harking back to the 40s, more than 50 people turned out to celebrate VE Day with a tea dance at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The town hall was decked out with bunting and Union flags for the themed event on May 7, in honour of the day when the Allies formally accepted the Nazis' surrender and World War II ended. Among the dancers was Paul Ingram, dressed as a young evacuee with gas mask-style box and a name tag, with his wife Cal.

"We enjoy dancing and you don't get many chances to practise traditional dances," said Mr Ingram, aged 55, of Hillbrow Crescent, Halesowen.

"My costume is something we threw together using old clothes."

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Bosses' plea on fast food outlets

HEALTH bosses in the Black Country have issued a plea for council chiefs to restrict the number of takeaways after figures showed the region is among the worst in the country for childhood obesity.

The director of public health in Sandwell made the call at a board meeting of the borough's primary care trust.

Dr John Middleton told board members: "The levels of obesity in Sandwell will be of long-term detriment. We can use planning laws to restrict the numbers of fast food takeaways."

Latest

Latest figures show one in four children in Year 6, aged 10/11, in Sandwell is obese, ranking the borough the worst in the West Midlands and 149th out of 152 authorities in England. More than one in 10 children in reception classes, aged 4/5, are also obese, ranking Sandwell 145th out of 152 in England.

Sandwell PCT board member Janette Rawlinson said: "Obesity among primary school age children is of real concern. It seems to be getting worse."

Dr Middleton's call came after Sandwell PCT's public health chief Paul Southon said the body was working with small takeaway businesses to make their food healthier. There are more than 600 takeaway outlets in Sandwell.



Janet Owen and Helen Lanchbury with, back, Margaret Hughes, of Kidderminster, Betty Smith of Wollaston, Isobel Peck of Penn, and Josie Smith, from Wollaston, celebrate the reopening

Cheers to £2.5k revamp

A CHARITY shop in Stourbridge has been given a makeover to help bring in new customers.

The Compton Hospice shop in Wollaston has received a £2,500 facelift including the creation of a new display counter.

The interior of the store in Bridge-north Road has been redecorated and the display units reorganised. The outside of the shop has been painted and new main window fitted. Workers completed the project over two days beginning on Monday of last week.

The shop plays a major fundraising

role for the hospice in Dudley borough. Since it opened nine years ago it has raised more than £350,000 in profit for the charity.

Assistant general manager of the hospice trading company Mary Davies said: "This is the first time we've refurbished the Wollaston shop since it was opened."

"We're hoping this spring clean refurbishment will attract even more people to use the shop and help us to carry on providing much needed care for patients across Dudley."

Reunion appeal by centre

A CALL has gone out to old boys and girls who stayed at one of Sandwell's residential centres between 1958 and 1980 to take part in a reunion next month.

The Plas Gwynant Adventure School opened at the foothills of Mount Snowdon in North Wales in 1958 and was bought by the then West Bromwich Council.

Since then tens of thousands of Sandwell pupils have been to the centre which offers a range of fully-supervised outdoor activities.

A reunion weekend for former visitors is now being planned for June 10-12.

Centre spokeswoman Debbie Hughes said: "Schools in Sandwell have come and gone, but Plas Gwynant is still here, giving Sandwell students a taste of learning through outdoor activities and memories that will remain with them long after they return home."

"We would love to hear and see some of the people who stayed here between 1958 and 1980. I am sure they would be staggered by the changes that have taken place."

Details at enquiries@plasgwynant.lea.sandwell.net or call Debbie on 01766 890212.

Recitals at church

A SERIES of organ recitals is taking place on Sundays at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wordsley, Stourbridge. Visit www.paulcarr.co.uk/SAOM for details.

Postman who dumped mail spared jail term

Morris Men set for Maypole fun

BELLS, handkerchiefs and sticks are the order of the day when a morris dancing troupe entertains crowds in Sedgley this Saturday.

The 1st Sedgley Morris Men are due to perform at their annual Maypole Event in the gardens next to Co-op on High Holborn Road. Preceding the Morris Men at 11am will be youngsters from Dudley primary schools Cotwall End, Alder Coppice and St Chad's, each performing a morris or country dance.

Following the demonstrations everyone is invited to 1st Sedgley Scout Group's Jubilee Hall, on Ladies Walk, where their annual May Fair takes place.

A barbeque, bouncy castle and stalls will keep visitors entertained until 2pm.

Around 20 Cotwall End pupils have been practising their routines in advance of the demonstration for the past few weeks.

Teacher Annette Mitchell said: "They're all really keen and excited."



Looking forward to a Maypole Festival and May Fair in Sedgley this Saturday is 1st Sedgley Morris Men member Jack Cotterill, with children from Cotwall End, Alder Coppice and St Chad's primary schools

A POSTMAN who dumped thousands of letters near Dudley Zoo and kept a haul of more than 4,000 mail items at his home has avoided an immediate term in prison.

David Spiers was instead handed a six-month sentence, suspended for two years, at Walsall Magistrates' Court.

The 31-year-old was employed by Royal Mail for more than two years at the delivery office in Walsall.

But instead of carrying out his rounds properly, he dumped 6,385 letters and catalogues near the zoo and kept another 4,654 items at his home.

An investigation was launched after a member of the public reported seeing mail dumped off Tipton Road, some of which dated back to February 2010.

An investigator found that Spiers was responsible for delivering them.

Mr John Dove, prosecuting on behalf of Royal Mail, said when Spiers was approached on February 1 this year he admitted having more undelivered mail at his home, and was suspended.

He said Spiers told the investigator he had too much mail to deliver and would take it home at the end of his shift, rather than tell his boss, because he thought he would get into trouble.

In mitigation, Mr Julian Derry said there had only been 101 items of addressed mail, with the rest being junk mail.

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He said: "He realises it was a stupid thing to do. He should have told his supervisor. He panicked and is extremely sorry."

Spiers, of Park Moor Gardens, in Dudley, admitted two counts of intentionally delaying the delivery of postal packets between February 27, 2010 and February 1, 2011, and from May 15, 2010 to December 7, 2010.

He was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work and to pay £2,360 costs when he appeared before the court last week.



David Spiers

Boss wants community to be proud of home



Top: Part of the garden at Oakleigh Lodge Care Home and, above, its front

By Michael Trott

A UNIQUE home for adults who suffer from learning disabilities and mental healthcare problems has opened in Dudley.

Oakleigh Lodge, Stourbridge Road, is a residential home which helps people between the ages of 18 and 65, who have conditions such as bipolar disorder and types of autism, including Asperger's syndrome.

After its open day last month, Richard Dean, the man behind the home, said "This project was one that was particularly close to my heart."

"My Mother-in-law has needed care for some years, however, when me and my wife Karen were looking at facilities, we found ourselves never fully satisfied with the level of care and always thinking that we could do better."

"In the end I decided to create a home with a more original approach and one that the community could be proud of."

Among the services are an aromatherapist, who offers massages for the residents, and a sensory room for stress relief.



Oakleigh Lodge owner Richard Dean with manager Sue Jenkins and back, from left: student, Laura Hipkiss and staff members, Lynn Pritchard and Jackie Yates

It contains several interactivities including bubble tubes, shapes and patterns as well as mood lighting with sound sensitivity and relaxed seating for residents.

Mr Dean added: "Our home is ideally situated with the Merry Hill Shopping Centre approximately a mile away, which can provide a great day out with all its facilities."

Best

"We have Russell's Hall Hospital just down the road, which is comforting for family members and our expert staff members are always on hand to help out."

The home is managed by Susan Jenkins, who received the Care to Make a Difference Award last year.

She was nominated through her work, to encourage people of all different ages and experience into building an interest in becoming a carer.

Mrs Jenkins said "The award is run by the Black Country Partnership Board which involved many different companies spending their time to set up training sessions for people who wanted to get involved."

"I have over 20 years of experience of being a carer and several qualifications, including Level 4 in Care and Level 3 in Learning Disabilities and I believe training is essential in this career."

Mr Dean said he, Susan and the team were looking forward to providing the best care that they can for the local community.

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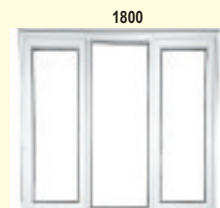
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Promoting the fun day drum workshop at the Sledmere Community Centre are back, committee members Vanessa Mason, Karen Rossiter and Janet Willemt, with, front, Grace Mason, aged three, Harley Welsh, three and 17-month-old Elijah Bennett

Drumming up support for day of fun

COMMUNITY volunteers are holding a family fun day next Tuesday.

Sledmere Community Centre, on School Drive, is hosting the event, which is aimed at attracting new visitors.

People will be invited to enjoy mask making workshops, African drumming, a bouncy castle and a fun bus.

The event has been organised by a brand new committee which has pledged to breathe new life into the building, based in the grounds of Sledmere Primary School.

Dudley restaurant Chiquitos will join in

the fun with food taster sessions and gift bags, while other activities include Zumba dance workshops, family learning information and community safety displays courtesy of local police.

The centre is enjoying a new lease of life following a successful lottery bid by St Thomas's Community Network, in a drive to bring new opportunities to the ward.

Coffee mornings are already taking place every Thursday during term time between 9am and noon. Future plans include a moms and toddlers group, IT classes and a crèche.

Centre chair Vanessa Mason said: "We are really excited about our event and hope that lots of local people will come along and join us."

"We've got a great centre here with good facilities and it's about to get even better. Our big dream is to see the centre revitalised and creating a sustainable future," she added.

The fun day takes place from 1-4pm and a free buffet lunch will be served.

For more information email jenny.gregory@dudley.gov.uk or call 01384 818990.

Subway campaigner Trudy dies at age of 96

A RETIRED beauty shop owner who led a one-woman crusade to improve pedestrian safety after being mugged in Stourbridge subway has died aged 96.

Trudy Curnin hit the headlines eight years ago when she began campaigning for the closure of the town centre underpass.

Police officers, who were inspired by her fight for safer streets, opened the country's first underground police station in the subway and invited her to its opening.

The hairdresser was born in Brierley Hill and was one of 11 children. Mrs Curnin, of Parkfield Road, Stourbridge, whose late husband, Eric, was a driving instructor, ran a beauty parlour in Stourbridge town centre for 15 years.

Her nephew Norman Glover, of Norton, said: "She always said she wanted to make plain

people beautiful." She was forced to close her shop for the building of the Ryemarket Shopping Centre in the 1970s.

Mr Glover said it was her "very spirited" character that led to her crusade to have the underpass by Stourbridge bus station closed after she was robbed in May 2003.

Her late sister, Nell Glover, had also been mugged in another Stourbridge subway a few years earlier.

Base

"She was quite formidable and had very strong views about everything," he said.

As a result of her campaign, which included writing to former prime minister Tony Blair, police opened the underground base in 2004 which helped to cut crime across the town by 35 per cent. But they were forced to close it after 18 months due to a lack of funds. Mrs Curnin died on April 23.



Trudy Curnin, inset, and above with Councillor Les Jones in the Stourbridge subway where she was mugged in 2003

Voters make choice on market makeover

MORE than 600 people have voted for their favourite design for a revamped Dudley market place as part of a £6 million scheme.

Shoppers and traders were asked for their views on three options for the new layout.

One of them attracted the lion's share of the votes. All the options include vintage-style canopies to replace the tiled roof over the stalls and the creation of a

"market boulevard" pathway through the centre. Three designs with different stall layouts were drawn up and people were asked to pick their favourite.

The most popular was option three which received 470 votes. It would see two rows of stalls offset along each side of the market's central "historic spine" to encourage browsing.

Option one which had two rows of stalls with a tree-lined boulevard, got 83 votes. Option two

which had stalls one side of the market's spine, received 78.

Dudley Council, which is behind the plans, said all the feedback would be analysed and a fourth option could be created, influenced by people's comments.

Under all the plans, the statue of legendary Dudley footballer Duncan Edwards would be moved to the other end of the market towards Bottom Church, and the 19th century fountain would be refurbished.

Worker is cleared by inquiry

AN investigation into safeguarding children's issues at Sandwell Council has cleared an employee of any wrongdoing.

The inquiry, by the authority's interim director of children's social care, began after a worker was referred for an alleged breach of practice under a whistle-blowers' scheme.

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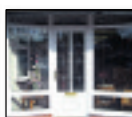
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Drive ban for new nurse

A NEWLY-QUALIFIED nurse has been banned from driving after being caught at the wheel while more than twice the alcohol limit.

Stephanie Nicholls, aged 20, was arrested after her car was seen swerving and speeding in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge at about midnight on April 29.

Nicholls, of Quinton Drive, Russells Hall, Dudley, was found to have 84 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, Dudley magistrates heard last

week. The limit is 35 microgrammes. She had drunk two glasses of wine, Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said.

Nicholls, who qualified as a nurse last month, burst into tears as she told the court she would now struggle to get a job.

"I'm really sorry for what I've done and it was completely out of character," she said.

After pleading guilty to drink-driving, she was banned from driving for 12 months, fined £80 and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Exhibition salutes the memory of 25 war heroes from former mining community

A BOOK commemorating the role of fallen soldiers from a mining community in Dudley during the Second World War has been launched at an exhibition.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller, and Mayoress Hilary Miller were at launch of the book *Holly Hall Heroes Remembered* at Woodside Community Centre, Highgate Road, on Saturday of last week.

The event marks the culmination of four years' research by Gornal historian Valerie Worwood, into the lives of 25 servicemen

from the Holly Hall area of town who were killed during the conflict.

The exhibition included pictures and biographies of the soldiers, as well as old photographs of the former Low Town mining village where many of the servicemen lived.

Demolished

Mrs Worwood, who spent her childhood in Low Town, said it was a very close-knit community and many of the servicemen had grown up together.

Low Town was demolished in 1947 after it was ruled that its out-

dated houses, without mod cons such as electricity, were unsuitable for modern living. "A lot of the soldiers knew one another, they were all friends," she said.

The project was originally the brainchild of Jim Grainger, who led a campaign for the names of those killed during the Second World War to be added to the memorial at St Augustine of Hippo Church.

Up until the plaque was finally unveiled last year, the memorial had only featured the names of the men killed during the 1914-1918 war.

Mrs Worwood said the exhibi-

tion had been timed as close to the anniversary of VE Day as possible. At the unveiling of the plaque last year, a survivor of the conflict, 93-year-old Ivan Walker who now lives in West Bromwich, met for the first time Tony Walker, the brother of his fallen comrade Walter Walker - no relation to Ivan - who was killed in action in France during July, 1944.

Dashing

Meanwhile, John Teece, who with his raffish good looks, sleek, combed back hair, and neatly trimmed moustache, looked every inch the dashing airman, is

another of those remembered at the exhibition. He was killed on a practice mission for the Normandy invasion, towing a glider full of soldiers on April 4, 1944.

Another of the remembered is Mick Donovan who was born in 1912 into a family of Irish descent which moved to Dudley looking for work.

Mick married Winifred Painter in 1932, and worked in the mines as well as at Flanagan's bedding company. He was killed, aged 33, during a mine explosion in the town of Knock in Belgium, while on an errand of Mercy.

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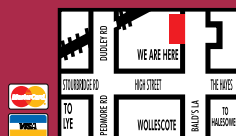


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There is a lot of Lottery joy



Double celebrations for Ian Johnson, executive director of the Black Country Learning Academy, director Kerry Drew and Aaron Johnson, front

A DUDLEY girls' football club and a computer training academy are celebrating after winning a slice of over £620,000 worth of lottery cash.

The Big Lottery Fund has issued Awards for All grants totalling £623,546 to 79 projects in the West Midlands.

Among them are Dudley United Girls and Ladies FC, which has been allocated £9,000 to set up a school holiday programme encouraging youngsters to take part in physical activities.

Black Country Learning Academy has received £10,000. The academy based at Turner House in Wrens Nest

Road, will use a £10,000 grant to provide computer training courses to people aged over 16 in the area.

It has recently received a licence to train people in Microsoft Office specialist certification training and in the use of programs such as Adobe.

Executive director Ian Johnson said: "It will help us to provide training for academy users in Dudley and open up new opportunities for in employment."

Brickhouse Primary School in Dudhill Road, Rowley Regis, has been boosted by a £9,975 grant to develop an unused piece of land into a community landscape.

Revamp too late for club

PLANS to reopen a Dudley pub with a micro-brewery and a revamped bowling green have been approved - but it has come too late for the return of its bowling club after players called it a day.

The Woodman Inn in Leys Road, Brockmoor, will undergo an extensive refurbishment under the proposals. It was hoped the work would persuade players who used to be based at the pub to return. But former secretary of the Woodman Brockmoor Bowling Club, Trevor Pearson, said the club had closed due to "a lack of interest".

The club had been based at the pub for more than 40 years but was forced to move out when

the venue shut its doors due to a drop in trade in April 2008. "It wasn't the same playing in parks," said Mr Pearson. "We couldn't keep the club going and we finished two months ago. It's a shame."

Under the plans the dining room will be extended and a new conservatory and beer garden built.

The existing bottle store will be converted into new toilets, while a new bottle store will be put next to a micro-brewery.

A statement accompanying the planning application says: "The existing public house closed some years ago due to a fall in trade. It is proposed to undertake an extensive refurbishment and reopen the property."

Escape stairs for buildings

A GROUP of buildings in the heart of Dudley is to be improved as part of plans to regenerate the town.

Proposals for minor alterations to Holloway Chambers, Priory Street were approved by Dudley Council's development control committee.

Two spiral staircases will be built to the rear to provide emergency escapes at the building, which will continue to be used as offices.

Permission has also been given for the long-disused Elizabeth House, near the former Carver's Cafe site, to be converted into offices on the ground floor.

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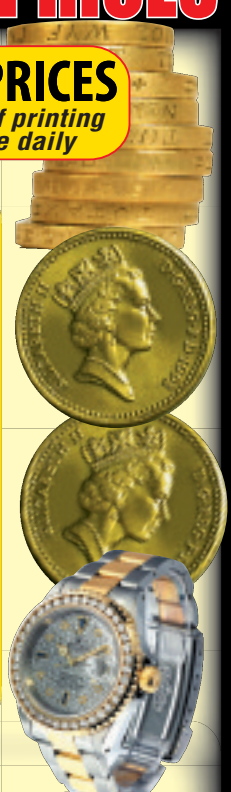
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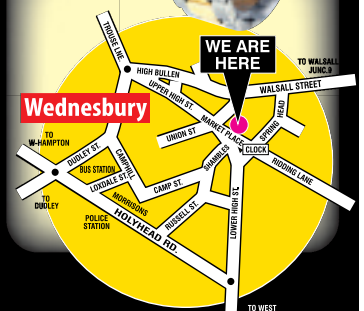
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Cassie defies odds with catwalk career



Cassie Hawthorne fronted Cystic Fibrosis Week

FORMER art student Cassie Hawthorne is turning heads as a model after she was spotted by a talent scout when she attended hospital for treatment for cystic fibrosis.

The 22-year-old from Stourbridge was visiting Birmingham Children's Hospital when she agreed to have her picture taken for an annual book by a photographer who passed her pictures to a modelling agency.

Since then her career has taken off and she has already done promotional work for Tesco and hair emporium Umberto Giannini, which has appeared on television and also in magazines.

And Cassie has now fronted Cystic Fibrosis Week, which finished last Friday.

She said: "When I had my first modelling job it was like a dream come true, just like it would be for any 16-year-old girl."

"I love having my hair and make-up done and wearing fabulous clothes."

"I don't advertise the fact I have cystic fibrosis so, for just a bit, I can forget about it."

Difficult

She added: "I did an art foundation course at Stourbridge College and was thinking of going into make-up and prosthetics."

"But the long hours would be difficult for me because of all the physiotherapy I need to do."

"Modelling is perfect because you are self-employed so you can choose the times that you can work," she said.

Cassie was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was just a few weeks old. She spends more



Cassie striking a chord in the modelling world

than three hours a day undergoing physiotherapy and breathing exercises to keep the worst symptoms at bay.

Cassie said the condition has spurred her on to do as much as possible.

"Other people say they will do things later, but I never know what later will be."

"So if I want to do something I just do it."

When she was 21 - "a real milestone for people with cystic fibrosis" - she went on a sky-dive with friends in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust which raised about £5,000.

She said she was a keen supporter of Cystic Fibrosis Week and hoped modelling for the event would raise awareness.

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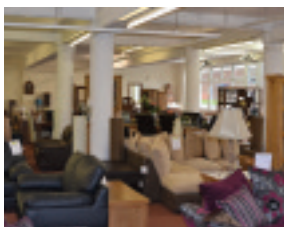
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House waste found dumped at reservoir

Pupils enjoy their 'wedding day'

RECEPTION classes at Sledmere Primary School, School Drive, Dudley, took part in a mock wedding at Swan Street church, Netherton, for a project about weddings that coincided with the Royal Wedding.

Parents, staff and pupils dressed in their finest as the roles of bride, groom, vicar and the in-laws were played as the Rev Brian Payton from the church was on hand to "officiate". A Rolls Royce picked up five-year-old brides Chloe Grainger and Sophie Jeavons, and took them to the church to meet "grooms" Ashton Hill and Koby Billingham.

Reception teacher Nicky Simmonds said the children all "thoroughly enjoyed" it.

"It was great fun, they all had a fantastic day," she said.

"We normally do a topic on weddings, but with the Royal Wedding we thought it was a great chance to show the children how it really works at a ceremony."

"We even had an official registrar on hand so the children could sign their marriage certificate."



Ashton Hill and Chloe Grainger, both five, with Chloe's grandmother, Teresa, and grandfather, Robert Mitchell, who supplied a Rolls Royce for a mock wedding ceremony

A MAN who paid a scrap dealer to get rid of rubbish has been ordered to pay £250 after it was found dumped in the car park at a beauty spot.

David Hughes, aged 20, of Ivy Road, Dudley, had paid the dealer £20 to get rid of the waste, Dudley magistrates heard. Piles of carpets, bin bags and cardboard was found last November blocking two spaces of Netherton Reservoir car park.

The reservoir, also known as Lodge Farm Reservoir, attracts bird watchers from across the Black Country.

It was traced back to Hughes from addresses on documents found among the rubbish, said Miss Neelam Bangar, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Council.

She said: "He was interviewed under caution and admitted paying the scrap dealer to get rid of the rubbish."

Claimed

Hughes, who is unemployed, told the court: "I did pay someone to move some bags for me. I didn't ask to see if they had a licence because I just believed them - I didn't take any more notice."

He claimed that not all of the waste in the car park was his. But Miss Bangar said he had been shown photos of the piles during the interview and had admitted it belonged to him.

Hughes was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £150 compensation and £100 costs after pleading guilty to failing to take measures to secure the authorised transfer of household waste.

Chairman of magistrates Mr Barry Bainbridge told him: "We accept that you acted in good faith and thought the rubbish would be taken."

"However, this is still a serious matter, but as you are a man of previous good character we will not fine you."

Chance to go batty, walking

VISITORS to the Saltwells Local Nature Reserve in Dudley can go on an evening walk to listen for bats next Tuesday. Those taking part in the event on May 24 from 9pm to 11pm, are asked to bring a torch. It is free to take part but booking is essential. For further details telephone 01384 812795.

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CS spray used to stop drink-driver



Ban - Ian Simmonds

A WINDOW fitter had to be stopped by police with a CS spray after his van hit parked cars while he was driving under the influence of drink, a court heard.

Residents had alerted officers after seeing the fitter's van collide with cars in Stourbridge.

Police gave chase when the van failed to stop, but it was being driven so slowly officers were able to get out and run alongside speaking to the driver through an open window, magistrates heard. When he still refused to

stop he was sprayed with CS gas. Ian Simmonds, aged 36, of Lark Hill Road, Stourbridge, was banned from driving for two years, given a community order for 12 months, ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work and told to pay £85 costs.

He pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates' Court last week to driving above the alcohol limit, driving without due care and attention and failing to stop after an accident.

Tests found he had 90 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, the court heard. The legal limit is 35.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said police had been patrolling along The Broadway, near its junction with South Road, when they heard shouts from residents.

"People had seen Simmonds hit a number of parked cars and were shouting for him to stop the van," Mr Cooper said.

"Police gave chase.

Stopped

"Originally they followed in their car but the van was so slow they were able to get out and run alongside so they could speak to him through an open window.

"He still did not stop so one of the officers used CS spray.

"The van stopped and the defendant got out the cab. He smelled of intoxicants and his eyes were glazed."

Mr David Wilkins, defending, said: "He had not planned to get behind the wheel on that day.

"But following the argument with his girlfriend had decided to drive home.

"This is a one-off blot on his copybook."

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Unpaid fines are tackled

CRIMINALS with outstanding court fines have been rounded up by Dudley police as part of a new operation.

Officers, in conjunction with HM Court Service and Dudley Magistrates' Court, held a day of action this week to arrest people with unpaid fines for crimes such as shop lifting.

The combined efforts and sharing of information led to the execution of warrants at several addresses.

The raids were part of an operation called Next Steps which has been launched by Dudley police to tackle hotspots with high levels of burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Acting Sgt James Gregory, of the Dudley north next steps team, said: "All of the warrants executed relate directly to the Dudley Next Steps area."

"Two offenders were taken directly to court which related to £7,000 of outstanding court fines."

Ghost hunt at castle grounds

A GHOST hunt will take place in the grounds of Dudley Castle. People can explore the 11th century ruins in the grounds of Dudley Zoo using hi-tech equipment on May 27.

Zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitchman, said people would be encouraged to explore psychic abilities and hauntings. The event runs from 8pm to 2am. Book at www.dudleyzoo.org.uk or call 01384 215313.

Jane makes marathon effort

A WOMAN'S marathon effort for charity looks set to raise around £1,000 to help lupus sufferers.

Jane Tibbitts, aged 53, of Hillside Avenue, Quarry Bank, only took up

running at the age of 49 when she spotted an advert for a beginner course at Dudley Ladies Running Club.

"Since then she has got hooked and took part in this year's London marathon with club running mate Jill Bayliss raising funds for the West Midlands Lupus Group."

Jane, an administration assistant at Merry Hill Windows, Brierley Hill, said: "I think the reason I enjoy running so much is the friendship with the running club."

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Jane Tibbitts raised cash running the marathon

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the pulse

Finger on the folk-pop button

Black Country singer Rachel Button has just released her debut EP and is preparing for her first Midlands gig. She tells **TIM SPIERS** about how much she is looking forward to returning to her roots

BEING compared favourably with Norah Jones is high praise indeed but for Oldbury-born singer Rachel Button those sorts of accolades could soon become the norm.

Rachel has come a long way since playing violin in Sandwell Youth Orchestra and is now preparing for his first major Midlands gig, at Birmingham's Glee Club next month.

The concert coincides with the release of her debut EP *With Love*, and is something of a homecoming for the 26-year-old.

She moved to London seven years ago to pursue her dream of a successful career and is now living the life of a musician.

In between gigs in and around London, Rachel is a vocal tutor at The Academy of Music and Sound in Birmingham, as well as



Oldbury folk-pop singer Rachel Button – at the Glee Club in Birmingham on June 10

finding time to write and produce songs. "It's an unstable lifestyle," she admits, "but I like it like that. It keeps me on my toes."

A former pupil at Perryfields High School, Rachel has always loved to sing and after performing at churches and youth groups decided music was the career for her.

After convincing her supportive parents that it was the right thing to do, she went to London to earn a degree in Popular Music Performance, picking up a First before completing a Masters in the same subject.

Several gigs in the capital followed including a support slot with Ocean Colour Scene

members Simon Fowler and Oscar Harrison, as well as a recording opportunity with Ministry of Sound.

Now Rachel, aged 26, is hoping her first EP will be the first of many more releases.

"It's so exciting for me at the moment and I'm really looking forward to the next few months," she said.

"I'd describe my style as folk-pop and I've been likened to Eva Cassidy, Norah Jones and Joni Mitchell.

"Songwriting comes quite naturally and I always carry a notebook for those moments of inspiration."

Her Glee Club gig is the first she's done near her home town and with family and friends set to turn out in big numbers, Rachel is looking forward to showing her original material off.

"I really wanted to come home and put on a show," she added.

"I've had loads of old friends get in touch with me through Facebook as well which is nice."

"It's hard in the music industry but I've got a lot of drive to pick myself up after any knockbacks."

"Hopefully I can get signed to a record deal soon and then go on tour and sell lots of CDs!"

Rachel Button is at the Glee Club on June 10. Tickets are £6 in advance and doors open at 8pm.

Hear the Seattle sound of rockers the Fleet Foxes at the Civic Hall on June 23



Fleeting Civic appearance for harmonious rock band

SEATTLE roots rockers Fleet Foxes bring their harmonious sound to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on June 23 but making their newly released second album, *Helplessness Blues*, was a far from harmonious experience.

Recording got off to a good start laying down rhythm tracks with good vibes abounding at Dreamland recording studio in Woodstock, near

the site of the legendary hippy musical festival in upstate New York. But the recording process almost ground to a halt during a difficult seven month stretch back in their home city.

"A ton of s**t happened at numerous studios," explains the American band's singer and songwriter Robin Pecknold. "Basically it took a long time due to illness, scheduling, cre-

ative doubt, reassessment, rewriting, new songs being written."

"We ended up mixing at Avast in Seattle in December of 2010 with the record finally finished, even though we were recording vocals and guitar and rewriting lyrics up to the 11th hour. Not even the 11th hour, more like the 13th. So here we are, almost three years after the first album, finally done with the second one."

It is a relief then to find that Helplessness Blues is a worthy follow up to their self-titled debut album, which is fast approaching classic status for the band who, in the USA, are signed to Nirvana's old record label Sub Pop.

But there is no hint of grunge in the works of the Fleet Foxes, a burst of

free jazz on one track of the new album is the only major detour from their pristine folk-rock sound.

"I'd say it's a synthesis of folk rock, traditional folk and psychedelic pop with an emphasis on group vocal harmonies," adds Pecknold.

"Musically it leans on country music a little bit more, in the slide guitar of songs like Grown Ocean and Bedouin Dress or Helplessness Blues. We used a number of new instruments including the 12-string guitar, the hammered dulcimer, zither, upright bass, wood flute, tympani, Moog synthesizer, the tamboura, the fiddle, the marophone, clarinet, the music box, pedal steel guitar, lap steel guitar, Tibetan singing bowls, vibraphone... along

with more traditional instrumentation."

Given that list, the kitchen sink must be a likely addition for the next album. Tickets for the Wolverhampton gig are £21.50, available on 0879 320 7000 or at www.wolvscivic.co.uk

Support will come from psychedelic popsters The Bees, from the Isle of Wight.

Paul Weller fans may have seen them supporting the Modfather in Birmingham in November. The Bees are still best known for their funky 60s-style dance track Chicken Payback, Wash in the Rain and their hit cover of Os Mutantes' A Minha Meia. Fourth album, Every Step A Yes, was released last October.

Reviews

To Kill A Mocking Bird
Grand Theatre

HARPER Lee's modern masterpiece with its explorations of prejudice, phobias, herd mentality and standing up for what you believe in against unassailable odds, was given a solid performance by a cast headed by Duncan Preston as Atticus Finch.

It is 1935 in America's deep south and the drama unfolds through the eyes of Finch's daughter Scout played with boundless enthusiasm by Grace Rowe and is centred around the impending trial of black worker Tom Robinson, played by Cornelius MacCarthy, who is accused of raping a white woman.

Amidst all the build-up to the proceedings Atticus tries to keep his values and his family intact, understanding the pressure and prob-

lems he will face surrounded by prejudice, ignorance and complacency, while trying his best to be honest with his daughter and son and yet looking to protect them from the darker side of human nature.

Preston's portrayal as defence lawyer Finch does lack passion and conviction and you're never really convinced his character holds his beliefs as firmly as Lee portrayed him in her book of the 1960s.

The story is partly narrated by Jean Louise Finch, the grown-up Scout, played by Jacqueline Wood, and works quite well as you get to see the young girl's take on and the woman's later understanding of events. Mocking Bird is a slow burner, there is no real action but it is a sharp observation of the best and worst of humanity. It runs until Saturday May 21.

Danny Farragher

Avenue Q
Birmingham Hippodrome

SUCCESSFUL Broadway musical Avenue Q may be touring in the UK for the first time but it's already attracted quite a following on this side of the pond.

And it's not hard to see why – this likeable show caters for a wide spectrum and is packed with catchy songs and killer lines.

The much-used tag of 'Sesame Street for adults' is a little simplistic; Avenue Q may star puppets but there's wit and filthy charm here, all delivered with a message not to take life

too seriously. It's very American, very cheesy but also, thankfully, very non-PC and it's that last facet which gives this show an edge in the overcrowded musical genre.

Racism, pornography, homosexuality and homelessness are all given the Avenue Q treatment with Rachel Jerram and Chris Thatcher leading a well-oiled cast.

The second half drags a touch but that doesn't take the shine off what is a fun evening definitely not for all the family.

Tim Spiers

Support for the Fleet Foxes at the Civic Hall will come from psychedelic Isle of Wight based band The Bees



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DOCTOR WHO

BBC 1, 6.45pm

Part one of two. A solar tsunami causes the Tardis to land at a futuristic factory on Earth, where humans are making use of a mysterious pool to create drone-like doppelgangers of themselves. The clones are directed by their masters to mine dangerous acids, but when a second wave hits, they begin to develop ideas of their own. Guest starring Marshall Lancaster (Ashes to Ashes), Sarah Smart (At Home with the Braithwaites) and Raquel Cassidy (Lead Balloon), alongside Matt Smith, Karen Gillan and Arthur Darvill.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix - Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 100pm). **2.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wakefield Trinity Wildcats v Castleford Tigers (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.35** Don't Scare the Hare. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** So You Think You Can Dance Live.

6.45 Doctor Who. Part one of two. The Doctor visits a futuristic factory.

7.30 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the lowest votes perform again.

7.55 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.45 Casualty. An administrative error throws the ED into turmoil and puts a boy's life in danger, while Mads encounters an aggressive taxi driver.

9.35 John Bishop's Britain. Comedy, with guest James Corden. (R)

10.05 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.25** FILM: Deja Vu. (2006) Sci-Fi thriller, starring Denzel Washington, Paula Patton, Val Kilmer and Jim Caviezel.

12.00 Film: Judgment Night. (1993) Thriller, starring Emilio Estevez and Cuba Gooding Jr; Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: It Happened One Night. (1934) Oscar-winning romantic comedy, with Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. **1.40** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **2.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.25** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **4.25** Film: The Heroes of Telemark. (1965) Second World War thriller, starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris.

6.30 Flog It! Paul Martin and the experts examine a selection of antiques in Durham. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring guards some PoWs. (R)

8.00 Operation Mincemeat. How Britain deceived Hitler into thinking the Allies were planning to invade Greece in 1943, allowing them to land in Sicily - their real target - with minimal resistance. (R)

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Satirical current affairs quiz. (R)

9.45 Our 'Enry: A Tribute to Sir Henry Cooper. A profile of the late boxer, who claimed the British, Commonwealth and European heavyweight titles during his illustrious career.

10.30 FILM: Cinderella Man. (2005) Fact-based drama, with Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger and Paul Giamatti.

12.45 Later with Jools Holland. (R) **1.50** Film: The Set-Up. (1949) Boxing drama, starring Robert Ryan. **3.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** House Gift. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.15** Film: Carry On Screaming. (1966) Comedy horror, starring Kenneth Williams. **3.05** Film: Moonraker. (1979) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. **5.25** Regional Programmes. **5.35** ITV News; Weather. **5.50** New People Do the Funniest Things.

6.45 Sing If You Can. The final of the singing competition. Last in the series.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. The penultimate round of auditions, as more acts try to impress judges Michael McIntyre, Amanda Holden and David Hasselhoff. Ant and Dec host.

9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Des O'Connor. The entertainer discusses his stage and TV career, talks about becoming a father at the age of 72 and reveals how gambling cost him his family home. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather. **10.15** FILM: Tightrope. (1984) Thriller, starring Clint Eastwood, Genevieve Bujold and Dan Hedaya.

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British Formula 3 International Series. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Koko Pop. **9.50** T4: Friends. (R) **10.30** T4: Gaga's Monsters. **11.20** T4: Glee. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. Mark Alexander tries to pass shop-bought food off as his own.

6.30 Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv.

7.00 The Restoration Man. Converting a disused Victorian church in Wales. (R)

8.00 River Cottage Heroes. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall holds a celebratory dinner. (R)

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

10.20 FILM: Far from Heaven. (2002) Period drama, starring Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid and Patricia Clarkson.

12.30 Film: Swimfan. (2002) Thriller, starring Jesse Bradford. **1.55** Friday Night In. (R) **2.05** King Pylon. (R) **2.10** The Wrong Turn. (R) **2.15** The Dead Zone. (R) **2.55** Hill Street Blues. (R) **3.45** Ugly Betty. (R) **4.30** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **10.10** Family Food Fight. (R) **10.40** The Gadgets Show. (R) **11.40** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green - At the Ends of the Earth. (R) **12.40** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **1.40** Film: A Lawless Street. (1955) Western, with Randolph Scott. **3.15** Film: Gunsmoke. (1959) Western, starring Audie Murphy. **4.50** Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. (2003) Comic-book fantasy adventure, with Sean Connery.

6.45 5 News Weekend. **6.50** NCIS. A murder is shown live online. (R)

7.40 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. Warrick tries to solve the murder of a gang member. (R)

8.35 CSI: Miami. A bungled SWAT raid on a residence results in the death of an innocent man, and separate chains of evidence lead Horatio to a pair of equally viable suspects. (R)

9.35 CSI: NY. Mac reconnects with his first partner.

10.35 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Jim Brass searches for his daughter's missing friend. (R)

11.35 Forensic Files. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
2.45 American Idol 5.15 Film: Bean (1997) **7.00** Fiddles, Cheats & Scams **8.00** Homes from Hell **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: Waterworld (1995)

ITV3
3.35 Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.50** Inspector Morse **7.55** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Foyle's War. A murder mars the victory celebration preparations. Last in the series. **11.00** Rebus

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab vs Deccan Chargers and Delhi DareDevils vs Pune Warriors. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** Police, Camera, Action! **10.00** Live Cycling. The seventh stage of the Tour of California.

BBC THREE
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze **7.30** Doctor Who Confidential **8.15** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001) **10.35** Russell Howard Live: Dingledodles **11.35** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Secret Life of Elephants **8.00** Latin Music USA **9.00** Wallander **10.30** Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **11.00** Arena: No Direction Home - Bob Dylan

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005)

FILM4
3.15 Porridge (1979) **5.05** Catch That Kid (2004) **6.50** Attack the Block Special **6.55** The Italian Job (2003) **9.00** Alfie (1966) A cockney lothario leads a carefree life of casual sex with as many women as possible, until real life starts to intrude. Comedy drama, starring Michael Caine. **11.15** The Loved Ones (2009)

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LOUIS THEROUX: MIAMI MEGA JAIL

BBC2, 9.00pm

Part one of two. Louis Theroux examines life in Miami County Jail, where most of the inmates are awaiting trial. He begins by exploring the large cage-like dwellings on the fifth and sixth floor, which are home to many of the most volatile prisoners. The inmates' lives are governed by a gladiatorial code, leading to fights for food and status - a situation the guards say they are powerless to address. The concluding part will be shown on Sunday May 29.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix Live. The fifth round of the season from Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Life of Riley. (R) **3.45** Bargain Hunt. **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Final Score. Round-up of football results.

6.15 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2011. New series. A preview of the annual horticultural show.

7.00 Countryfile. Efforts to protect native bluebells in Goodwood, West Sussex.

8.00 British Academy Television Awards. Graham Norton hosts the annual awards ceremony at Grosvenor House Hotel in London, with shows including Downton Abbey, Sherlock, Misfits and The X Factor up for recognition.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights of the final day of the Premier League.

11.55 FILM: Taffin. (1988) Action thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan, Alison Doody and Ray McAnally; Weatherview.

1.35 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** MasterChef: The Final Three. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.45** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **1.15** EastEnders. **3.10** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Bradford Bulls v Wigan Warriors (Kick-off 3.30pm). **5.30** Obama News Special.

6.00 Coast. How William the Conqueror taught the English to build castles.

6.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. Innovations allowing tankers to carry natural gas without risk of explosion.

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tests the Renaultsport Twingo 133 in Belfast, Richard Hammond tries his hand at airport vehicle racing, and Guy Ritchie is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R)

8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. Marine life and mysterious wrecks found in the seas surrounding Britain.

9.00 Louis Theroux: Miami Mega Jail. Part one of two. Louis Theroux examines life in Miami County Jail.

10.00 FILM: Zodiac. (2007) Premiere. Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal.

12.30 The Shadow Line. (R) **1.30** French Open Tennis. **2.30** BBC News. **4.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Sing If You Can. (R) **11.40** This Morning: Sunday. **12.40** Dinner Date. (R) **1.35** ITV News; Weather. **1.50** Film: Columbo: Suitable for Framing. (1971) Detective drama, with Peter Falk. **3.20** Britain's Got Talent: Part II. (1990) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd

6.30 Regional Programmes. **6.45** ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Cube. The show's tallest-ever contestant takes up the challenge. Last in the series.

8.00 Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope finds a kindred spirit in the son of a murdered woman and comes to realise the key to the case is hidden deep in his memory. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 The Life and Loss of Karen Woo. Paddy Smith visits Afghanistan to retrace the steps of his fiancée Karen Woo, a doctor who was murdered in August 2010 while on a medical aid mission in the war-torn country.

11.30 Florida - Paradise Lost. (R)

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.25** Freesports on 4. **7.55** T4: Friends. (R) **8.20** T4: Friends. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.25** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.00** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. A man recovering from brain surgery reflects on the healing power of humour.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four amateur chefs from Newcastle compete.

8.00 The Hotel. A local psychic hires a function room.

9.00 FILM: Orphan. (2009) Premiere. A couple adopt a nine-year-old Russian girl, but the wife begins to suspect the child may be dangerously disturbed. Horror, starring Vera Farmiga.

11.20 FILM: Vinyan. (2008) Premiere. Horror, with Emmanuelle Beart.

1.10 My New Brain. (R) **2.10** 24 Hours in A&E. (R) **3.05** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **4.00** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hansel's Helpline. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Music Box. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.20** McFly on the Wall. **10.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.50** Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.50** Film: Wyoming Renegades. (1954) **2.15** Film: Ride to Hangman's Tree. (1967) **4.00** Film: Last of the Dogmen. (1995)

6.10 5 News Weekend.

6.15 FILM: Fun with Dick and Jane. (2005) Crime comedy remake, starring Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni.

8.00 FILM: Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, starring Sandra Bullock.

10.15 FILM: Proof of Life. (2000) Action drama, starring Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan.

12.50 Rough Guide to Activity Holidays. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) **4.10** Divine Designs. (R) **4.35** House Doctor. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.00 The British Soap Awards 2011 **6.00** Britain's Got Talent **7.00** Animals Do the Funniest Things **8.00** Kerry Katona **9.00** Peter Andre **10.00** Film: Baby Mama (2008)

ITV3

2.10 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **4.10** Inspector Morse **6.15** Mr Bean **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **9.00** Film: Tin Cup (1996) **11.45** Film: Inside I'm Dancing (2004)

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Royal Challengers Bangalore v Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders v Mumbai Indians. **8.00** Minder **9.00** Police, Camera, Action! **9.30** Live Cycling. The final stage of the Tour of California.

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Doctor Who **8.45** Doctor Who Confidential **9.00** Little Britain **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

BBC FOUR

7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Secret Life of the National Grid **9.00** Enid **10.25** Bookmark **11.05** Tangled Up with Dylan: The Ballad of AJ Weberman

E4

3.00 Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance **4.00** Film: Nine Months (1995) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

3.05 Girls! Girls! Girls! (1962) **5.00** Attack the Block Special **5.10** The Duellists (1977) **7.10** The Italian Job (1969) **9.00** Alfie (2004) **11.05** Candy (2006)

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BBC2 6.00 Cbeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Cbeebies. 11.35 Film: *The Racketeer*. (1951) 1.00 Diagnostic Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy, Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 The hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. (R) 5.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Windfarm Wars. 8.00 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2011. 9.30 Paul Merton's Birth of Hollywood. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Book Review Show. Weather. 11.50 Golf: The PGA Championship. 12.20 The Big Top. 1.00 Hairy Bikers' Food Tour. 2.25 Film: *The Haunted House of Horror*. (1969) 3.55 Close.

12.30 6.00 Daybreak: 8.30 Lorraine: 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show: 10.30 This Morning: 11.20 Loose Women: 1.30 ITV News: 1.55 Regional News: Weather: 2.00 Minute Makeover: (R) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal: 3.59 Regional Weather: 4.00 Midlands Mover: (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish: The Final: 6.00 Mugs: (R) 6.30 Weather: 6.30 ITV News: Weather: 7.00 Emmerdale: 7.30 Coronation Street: 8.00 Baboons with Bill Bailey: 8.30 Coronation Street: 9.00 Paul O'Grady Live: 10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather: 10.30 The Bill: 11.00 The Bill: 11.30 The Bill: 11.30 The Zone: 11.30 ITV News Headlines: 2.30 Film: The Hitcher: (1986) 4.10 ITV Nightscreen: 5.30 ITV Morning News: 6.05 Sali Mali: (R) 6.10 The

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Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Stansted: The Inside Story. 12.00 The Family Recipe. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Williams Story. 3.00 The Bill. 3.10 Film: Killer Flood: The Day the Dam Broke (2003). Thriller, starring Joe Lando. 5.00 5 News at 5. Weather. 5.30 5 News at 5.30. Home and Away. 6.00 5 News at 6.00. Home and Away. 6.30 5 News at 6.30. Home and Away. 7.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. 8.00 5 News. 9.00 The Mentalist. 10.00 Law & Order. 10.55 CSI: Miami. (P) 11.50 Rough Guide to Adventures. 12.10 SuperSno. 4.05 Motorsport Mundial. 4.30 Nick's Big Game Guide. 5.00 The Mics. (P) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (P) 5.35 Home Doctor. (P) 5.45

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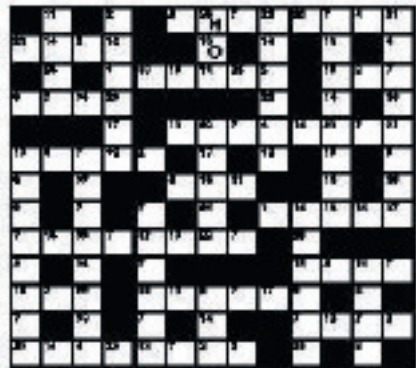
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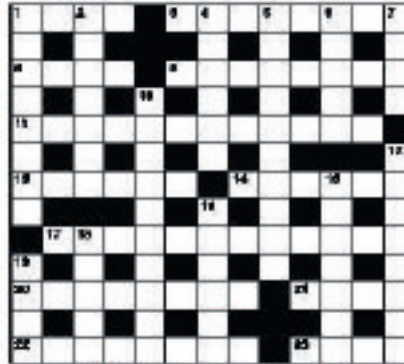
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that each row, column, and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.



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Circlegram

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The anniversary edition blends classic design elements with innovative features

Golf reaches milestone

TO CELEBRATE the 35th anniversary of the original hot hatch, Volkswagen has announced the first details of the latest special edition Golf GTI model – the Golf GTI Edition 35.

With an increase in power of 25PS over the "standard" car, the Edition 35 develops 235PS and is the most powerful production Golf GTI to date.

Since the debut of the first Golf GTI in 1976, the iconic model has enjoyed an uninterrupted history of success which now spans 35 years.

During this time, the GTI has become a car with cult appeal as well as an independent brand.

Milestone GTI anniversaries have been celebrated with exclusive special models, and Volkswagen continues this tradition with the Edition 35.

In addition to the increase in power, the Edition 35 combines classic GTI design elements with features specially created for this latest anniversary model.

A revised front bumper is joined by lightweight 18in alloy wheels while, in the cabin, the golfball gear knob makes a return. To mark out this special edition further, the "35" signature appears on the front wings, sill



plates, head restraints and on the centre panel of the seats.

This latest anniversary model will make its world debut at the legendary GTI event at Wörthersee in Austria at the beginning of June.

The Golf GTI Edition 35 will open for order in the UK later this year. Prices and full UK specification will be announced in due course.

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Citroën's supermini takes magazine title



Diesel Car magazine's car of the year – the Citroën DS3

THE Citroën DS3 has won the prestigious Car of the Year 2011 in Diesel Car magazine awards.

Diesel Car magazine has acclaimed the Citroën DS3 with two highly prestigious honours in its annual awards: Best Small Car and Overall Car of the Year 2011. With diesel-powered cars from every market segment eligible for the Car of the Year title, Citroën's premium quality supermini beat off competition from every market segment to take the award and was also the winner in its own sector, Best Small Car.

In its 24th year of publication, Diesel Car is recognised as an authority on the rapidly-evolving diesel market in the UK. In its first year on sale, DS3 has transformed the supermini sector with its modern styling, unique personality and rewarding driving dynamics, which have taken total sales beyond 80,000 units.

"The Citroën DS3 has an ageless

air about it, with a youthful exuberance that gives it a trendy appeal, but at the same time exuding an enduring quality and substance," said Diesel Car editor, Ian Robertson.

"The driving experience combined a secure, planted feel with a pert, grippy liveliness that makes it real fun behind the wheel."

The Diesel Car awards join DS3's many accolades including Car of the Year from Top Gear magazine, Small Car of the Year from Channel 5's Fifth Gear and Best Hot Hatch from CarBuyer.

Accolades

Other award winners include: The Jaguar XF which once again won the Best Executive Car category in the Diesel Car magazine awards – the fourth time the British-built XF has scooped the award.

Peugeot was also a winner after scooping a brace of accolades. Its ground-breaking 3008 HYbrid4 has won its first award – five

months before it goes on sale in the UK. Awarded Diesel Car magazine's Best Eco Car of 2011, the new model, which will use Peugeot's advanced diesel electric hybrid technology, will set a new benchmark for low CO2 emissions when launched in the autumn.

For the second year in succession, the magazine also crowned Peugeot's exciting RCZ – powered by its class-leading 2.0i HDi 163bhp engine – as its Sports Car of the Year.

Ian says: "It is svelte and sexy, the RCZ has the look of a supercar but without the ridiculous price tag. We love it for its styling pizzazz, for its torquey turbodiesel verve, and for the smile it plasters across your face when you drive it."

These latest awards round off a fine 18 months for Peugeot UK which has won over a dozen major awards from the industry's media including the What Car? Car of the Year 2010, Top Gear's Coupe of the Year and Fleet News Green Fleet Manufacturer of the Year 2011.

Seven up! Team Lotus buys sporty Caterham



Team Lotus at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Left to right: Heikki Kovalainen, Tony Fernandes, Mike Gascoyne, Ansar Ali, Kamarudin Meranun and Jarno Trulli

A SPORTS car company is set for expansion after being bought by the company behind the Team Lotus Formula One squad.

Surrey-based Caterham Cars has been acquired by Team Lotus Enterprise (TLE). It was Lotus Cars under its founder Colin Chapman which first designed the Lotus Seven, which has been built and distributed by Caterham Cars since 1973.

A green and yellow Lotus Seven was driven by actor Patrick McGeehan in the cult 1960s TV series The Prisoner.

The existing Surrey-based Caterham management team, headed by managing director

Ansar Ali, will carry on.

Mr Ali said: "This is yet another exciting chapter in the Caterham story."

"Until now the resources Caterham has had at its disposal have, naturally, limited the exposure of the Caterham experience and the legendary Seven has had to rely almost entirely on its remarkable reputation and legacy."

"The acquisition of the company will allow our existing management team to take Caterham's core spirit of pure driving enjoyment to a hitherto unserved audience."

"While the Seven will now have the global spotlight it deserves and will continue to be evolved yet

further, we also have the opportunity to expand the Caterham family beyond the Seven and SP/300R and breathe new life into our uniquely respected brand and mature it into a truly global business."

TLE's Tony Fernandes said: "Caterham has a unique place at the heart of the motoring world. "As well as being proudly and staunchly British, it has an enviable and uniquely unblemished reputation within the industry for performance, handling and engineering excellence."

To celebrate its new ownership, Caterham Cars will build a limited run of Team Lotus Special Edition Sevens, 25 for the home market and 25 for export.

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BUILT by a highly regarded local developer to one of its larger designs, this modern detached home has been maintained by the current owners to an extremely high standard throughout.

The four-bedroomed home, known as Sandpipers, is in the sought-after location of Plowderdale Crescent, Kingswinford – close to an excellent range of shops, supermarkets and other amenities.

Sale of this stylish, well proportioned home is being managed by the Kingswinford branch of estate agent Taylors, with an asking price of £239,950.

On approach, the house is set back from the road behind a broad asphalt driveway with attractively maintained front lawns alongside, creating what the agent describes as a "very pleasant open frontage".

A gate at the side leads to the rear garden, while there is also access to a tandem garage, measuring 31ft 9in x 8ft 3in, which houses the wall-mounted central heating boiler and has a door and window to the rear garden.

Entering through a canopy porch with a tiled floor, the hallway has a double-glazed patterned window alongside the main entrance and a guest WC, fitted with a low-level suite.

Double doors open from the hall into a large lounge, measuring 20ft 2in x 12ft, which has a double-glazed walk-in bay window at the front and a gas fire with a brick arch.

With dimensions of 10ft 4in x 10ft 3in, the dining room has patio windows looking out to the rear garden.

A spacious breakfast kitchen, measuring 14ft x 9ft 10in, is fitted with a superb range of wall and base units incorporating work surfaces, a twin stainless steel sink,

recess for a cooker, recess and plumbing for a washing machine, recess for a dishwasher, cupboard storage space alongside, recess for a fridge and further cupboard/drawer storage space with wall units above. A door provides access into the tandem garage.

Shed

There is access to the loft from the first floor landing, while in the master bedroom, measuring 11ft 9in x 10ft 7in, there is a rear-facing window, built-in mirror-fronted wardrobes and an en suite bathroom, fitted with a panelled bath with shower over, a pedestal wash basin and low-level WC.

Bedroom two faces the front, has dimensions of 11ft 1in x 8ft 9in, and a range of built-in mirror-fronted wardrobes. The

third bedroom also faces the front, measures 9ft 5in x 8ft 7in, while the fourth has dimensions of 10ft 6in x 8ft 8in, has a built-in wardrobe and faces the rear.

In the bathroom, there is a panelled bath with shower over, a pedestal wash basin, low-level WC and an almost full-width ceramic tiled vanity sill.

At the rear of the house, an immaculately maintained garden has a large hexagonal patio area with cold water tap and side access off, leading onto well-maintained shaped lawns with a rockery and pathway leading around all sides.

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This well proportioned home has ample off-road parking and a tandem garage leading to the rear



Above: There is a well maintained private rear garden with shaped lawn and patio. Trees help screen a neighbouring property

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Golfers take aim at Las Vegas prize

TWO Enville golfers are taking aim at a winter trip of a lifetime to a Las Vegas golf resort.

Amateur Gareth Collins and his Enville PGA professional Richard Copsey need to come through the regional final of Europe's biggest pro-am competition, the Virgin Atlantic PGA National Pro-Am Championship.

Collins took his first big step

towards a luxury trip to the grand final at the Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort between December 2-8 when he won the club qualifying competition with a net score of 68.

He and Copsey now advance to Little Aston Golf Club on Friday, July 8.

It is one of 16 regional finals and will be decided on one round of better-ball medal play. The winners

at each regional final will secure their place on board a Virgin Atlantic jet for the 36-hole Grand Final being staged at the Jack Nicklaus-designed SouthShore Course.

The tournament draws in more than 50,000 competitors from across Great Britain and Ireland and is now its 27th year.

The PGA National Pro-Am has a prize fund of £30,000, with the

winning professional at the Grand Final taking home a cheque for £5,000.

Collins lives in Stourbridge and plays off a handicap of seven.

Copsey, aged 34, has been a professional at Enville for 16 years.

Last year's winners were from Pannal Golf Club in North Yorkshire, Dave Padgett partnered by amateur Jonathan Honeysett.

OLD HILL SUFFER SWIFT COLLAPSE

Old Hill (1pt) 64, Berkswell (20pts) 65-4. Berkswell won by six wickets

OLD HILL capitulated in less than three hours having lost a vital toss and being put into bat in their match against Berkswell at Haden Hill.

Mike Hingley (10) and Dan Cox (six) looked comfortable enough before the mayhem started, with Old Hill collapsing from 16-0 to 26-7 after just nine overs.

Indifferent batting in the heavy atmosphere, coupled with some accurate bowling from Thomas Milnes (4-21) and Chris Cheslyn (3-16), left Old Hill with a mountain to climb.

Late resistance from Nigel Davenport (14) and Mark Fisher (10) pushed the score up a trifle before the hosts folded for 64 off 22.1 overs, writes **Derek Griffiths**.

Berkswell lost three early wickets but soon coasted towards their meagre target.

Young keeper Philip Neale (25 not out) accumulated nearly half their runs as the visitors won by six wickets inside 19 overs.

Kidderminster Victoria (7pts) 215-7, Old Hill (13pts) 186-6. Draw

The seconds saw their game on a flat Chester Road wicket interrupted by rain showers.

Having won the toss Old Hill decided to field and restricted the hosts to 215-7 off 50 overs

Old Hill cricket

thanks to some disciplined bowling from Connor Smith (3-40), Jared Daniels (2-60) and Jonny Baig (1-38).

Old Hill's target for a winning draw was calculated at 173 but they got off to the worst possible start, falling to 25-4.

However some excellent batting from Smith (48) and Daniels (40), as well as Joe Thorne who hit 56 not out, saw the visitors post 186-6 from 40 overs.

Old Hill (15pts) 240-6, Hanley Castle (4pts) 160-4. Draw

Rain also played a major factor when the thirds drew with Hanley Castle at Wassell Grove. Excellent batting from

Dan Such (95) and Steve Derham (56) took Old Hill up to an imposing total of 240-6.

Such also starred with the ball, taking two wickets as Old Hill tried to prevent Hanley scoring 217 to secure a winning draw from 45 overs.

Dan Jones also took two wickets as the visitors struggled to 160-4, giving Old Hill an extra two points for a winning draw.

Old Hill (6pts) 168-8, Hanley Castle (12pts) 122-5. Draw

Batting first, Old Hill scored 168-8 wickets from their allotted 45 overs with Iffy Khan (42) and Jon Baig Jnr (40) the leading scorers.

The home side needed to score 112 off 30 overs to gain a winning draw and managed 122-5 at the close with Irfad Ahmed (2-8) the pick of the bowlers.

ECB National Club T20 Competition Old Hill 185-4, West Bromwich Dartmouth 102. Old Hill won by 83 runs

Old Hill took on Premier League leaders West Bromwich Dartmouth and engineered a comprehensive victory over their opponents.

The home side totalled a massive 185-4 from their 20 overs, with captain Nathan Round (47) and Alex Hills (56 not out) leading the charge. Carl White also chipped in with 32 from 15 balls at the death.

The visitors started their reply well enough in the early overs but the Old Hill bowlers soon made inroads.

Zafran Ali (3-17), Jon Baig (2-8) and Jared Daniels (2-4) took wickets at regular intervals and West Bromwich Dartmouth were bowled out for 102 in 16.2 overs.

Gornal thwarted in cup glory bid



Old Wulfs manager Tim Tipton alongside man of the match James Skedgel

A FIRST-HALF strike from Robin Sheffield and a second-half double from substitute Ricky Anslow shattered Gornal Athletic's dreams of JW Hunt Cup victory.

Instead it was AFC Wulfrunians, in their fourth final in six years, who hoisted one of the region's most famous old amateur football trophies after victory against their fellow West Midlands League side at Noose Lane, Willenhall.

A tight opening period on Friday turned decisively towards Wulfs when they were awarded a 24th minute free-kick which Mark Tipton powered towards goal.

It was headed goalwards by Mark Swann, forcing a good save from Gornal keeper James Pemberton - but Robin Sheffield was on hand to net the loose ball at the far post.

Dropped

With that lift, Wulfs went on to dominate and Danny Crudington went close to doubling their lead with a looping header which dropped on to the top of the net.

Gornal, however, almost fashioned an equaliser on the stroke of half-time when Marvin Nisbett latched on to a ball over the top and tried his luck with a lobbed effort which drifted agonisingly wide.

Gornal came out more determined at the start of the second half and should have levelled in the 49th minute when Paul Henley headed over from eight

AFC Wulfrunians 3 Gornal Athletic 0

yards. Young then had a chance when the ball fell to him after Callum Martin's run in to the area had been halted but the young full-back fired wide with keeper Danny Tipton closing him down quickly.

And these missed chances proved critical as Wulfs regained control. Swann had an effort cleared off the line and James Skedgel saw his hooked shot strike the bar before they extended their lead in the 64th minute.

Mensah Kinch's deep cross found Anslow in space and headed home at the far post.

A third goal in injury time rubbed salt into the Gornal wounds.

Kinch was again the provider as he burst through the defence before squaring for Anslow to tap home his second.

The other big winners of the night were the Beacon Centre for the Blind which receives all profits from the competition.

Terror crash cuts Dudley racing short

Dudley 45 Belle Vue 39 (Abandoned, safety fence damage, result stands)

A SPLENDID night's entertainment at Monmore Green on Tuesday came to an abrupt and shuddering halt with a terrifying high-speed crash in the final race.

So badly was the safety fence damaged after Dudley's Ashley Morris and Kyle Howarth of Belle Vue ploughed into it that the meeting was abandoned.

Mercifully Morris escaped with just a swollen wrist while Howarth had a collarbone injury assessed.

Jon Armstrong had nosed ahead in the inside going into the third turn with Howarth in pursuit and Morris on the outside. But Howarth and Morris touched before burying into the fence at full speed.

Dudley have a narrow six-point advantage for the second leg of this Knockout Cup tie on June 1.

Morris and Armstrong were in prime form debut maker Kyle Newman, despite a brace of falls, already looks a good signing.

Dudley: A Morris 12, J Armstrong 11, T Perry 8-3, K Newman 5, D Ritchings 4-1, R Franklin 3-1, D Stoneman 2-1.

Belle Vue: K Howarth 10, J Garrity 10, B Bekker 8, A McKinnis 5-2, S Richardson 4-2, C Widman 1-1, K Mason 1.

Half-century for de Silva in fine victory

WEST BROMWICH Dartmouth maintained their early season form, beating Wellington by 45 runs in the Birmingham League.

They top the Premier Division with Knowle and Dorridge after Ruki De Silva top-scored with 52.

Ateeq Javed hit 48 as the Sandwell Park outfit totalled 188 at Wellington.

In reply, Wellington slumped to 143 all out.

Walsall beat Wolverhampton by seven wickets after Wolverhampton slipped from 120-2 to 151 all out.

Anish Kapil (65) and Sundeeep Patel (43) laid a good base for Wolves but Paul Byrne celebrated his return for Walsall with 5-57.

Worcestershire's Jack Manuel (65) and veteran Paul Baker (38 not out) steered Walsall home.

Smethwick are still hunting a first win after losing to current champions Shrewsbury by eight wickets. Faissal Shahid (77) and Mo Usman (45) helped Smethwick to 194-5 but Shrewsbury made 195-2 with ease.

Craig Wood (79 not out) and Chris Pyke (42) were in good touch but Kidderminster Victoria suffered a losing draw with Barnet Green after making 220-5. James Ralph hit 34 and Neil Pinner added 29.

Slumped

Barnet Green slumped to 42-3 before rallying to score 202-6.

Himley beat Leamington by 16 runs. They made 217-9 with Stuart Wedge top scoring with 61 and Danny Smith then took 5-37 to dismiss Leamington for 201.

In Division One Old Hill slumped to 64 all out as they lost by six wickets to Berkswell.

Relegated Walmley crushed much-fancied Wombourne by eight wickets.

Division Two leaders Cannock registered their second win of the season at Fordehouses.

Adeel Khan took 4-27 as the Wolverhampton side were shot out for 108 before Dave Womble's unbeaten 46 secured Cannock to the summit.

Halesowen lost to Water Orton by six wickets despite posting 221. James Tandy (53) and Ajantha Weerapuli (40) made good starts for Halesowen.

In Division Three Bruce Thomason (92) and Chris Pearce (77) fired Brewrod to 247-7 against Wednesbury.

who toiled to 46-5 in 29 overs before an early abandonment.

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Miller treble to end the season

Boys league

Halas Hawks East 4 Warstones Wanderers 0 HALAS under-nines East signed off with a fine victory to complete their season.

They led 4-0 at half-time with a hat-trick from Oliver Miller and a goal by Declan Weaver. Warstones came into the match during the second half and pushed Halas keeper Josh Smith into several good saves.

Girls league

Halas Hawks 7 Kinver 1 Halas Hawks ended their under-12 league campaign with an emphatic win over Kinver which featured five goals from Lucy Heaselgrave.

The first half began slowly, although Halas looked the more dangerous side and went ahead midway through the half courtesy of Heaselgrave only for Kinver to equalise almost immediately.

Heaselgrave scored again just before half-time. The second half saw Halas create numerous chance. Heaselgrave grabbed another three whilst Sophie Heaselgrave and Bethan Bryan weighed in with good finishes of their own.

Halas Hawks 0 Wythmoor Colts 4 A mounting injury list proved too much for the under-15 girls as they faced league winners Wythmoor in their final game of the season.

The visitors scored after just five minutes but Halas created several opportunities without being able to find a finish. A second-half knock to Katie Hickman took the home team down to eight players and although Halas stuck to the task, the Colts were able to ease away.

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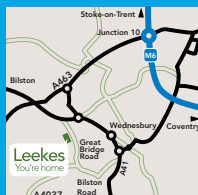
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